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CORONAVIRUS S PROTEINS

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143**

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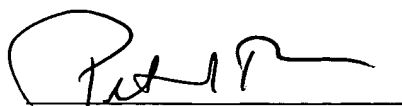
In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-4 and 6-10, drawn to a protein comprising a peptide from the S protein of a coronavirus virus strain. As a consequence of the election of Group I, Applicants further elect for examination A) the protein useful in diagnosis; B) residues 137-151 of SEQ ID No: 22; and C) the WT FIPV DF2 virus.

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